GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CONTRIBUTION OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the contribution of the medicines of the Indian System in the prevalent medical system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any possibility of increase in their contribution;

(d) if so, the assessment of the Government thereto; and

(e) the future plans of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)to(e) The medicines of Indian Systems have been found to be effective in the treatment of a number of ailments, notably in the treatment of leucoderma, psoriasis, arthritis, jaundice etc. Research including clinical research has been able to identify more and more drugs which are efficacious in the treatment of specific ailments. Collaborative research is also being encouraged with modern medicine hospitals and institutions to test the efficacy of the drugs according to scientific parameters. Operational research studies are being promoted to assess the response of the community to specific strategies which have been found to be efficacious in a hospital set-up.